

# TEST OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

County Collector A. B. Owen made his final settlement with the county court last Friday, which was approved. His report showed total collections on the various funds as follows:

State.....	\$15,746.57
County.....	36,869.96
Twp. road.....	7,497.58
Co. road.....	653.31
Old Mt. Pleasant R. R.....	7,570.62
School.....	55,752.56
City.....	696.99
Twp. tax.....	33.24
Bridge.....	6.09
Court House.....	1.63
Poll tax.....	19.70

Total, \$124,848.25

Attorney General Hedley gave a written opinion last spring, which was published by every paper in the county, that the assessment for the taxes of 1906 made by township assessors was illegal, and could not be collected, and advised a double assessment by the county collector.

Notwithstanding this opinion from so high an official authority, the taxpayers of Bates county, recognizing good citizenship above legal technicalities, have paid their taxes. It is said that taxes, next to security debts, are the hardest to pay, and by this act the people of Bates county have demonstrated their loyalty and patriotism in a high degree. If the taxes had not been paid, a majority of the schools of the county would probably have had to close before Christmas, and the county would have been heavily involved.

Collector Owen made a determined effort, and his collections were very satisfactory, far exceeding public expectations.

## THE SEVERING OF OLD TIES.

J. R. Davis has resigned his position as foreman of THE TIMES office, and will go to Kansas City, probably the last of this week, to join his family, who have already moved there. Mr. Davis has been with THE TIMES for 23 years under the present owner, and was with his predecessor about two years. A quarter of a century is a long time for a man to hold one position, and certainly demonstrates his efficiency and faithfulness. We are in position to testify that Mr. Davis is an honest man, capable in his line, faithful to his duty, a true and loyal friend. We regarded him more as an associate in business than a hired man, and we release him with sincere regret. We wish him success in all his undertakings, as he richly deserves, and a full share of happiness the rest of his days.

It is reported that Prof. Chambers, Republican nominee for county superintendent of schools, has had his "picture taken," to adorn the pages of the Republican papers and to be sent out to individual voters. Now the Professor is a handsome man, a perfect "beau ideal," and if the ladies, God bless them, voted, we would think it an election scheme of vast possibilities. But as the dear creatures are not permitted to vote and the husky men exercise the right of suffrage, and as the men of that party clearly indicated such preference two years ago, we would suggest that candidate Chambers get the picture of a good looking woman and send out with his campaign literature. Of course this is only a suggestion but it might prove a "fetching" argument, as it did that Campaign.

## Power of Country Press.

"The power of the country press in Washington surprises me," said a Middle West congressman last winter. "During my two terms I have been impressed with it constantly. I doubt if there is a single calm utterance in any paper in the United States that does not carry some weight in Washington among the members of congress. You might think that what some little country editor says does not amount to anything, but it means a great deal more than most people realize. When the country editor, who is looking after nothing but the country printing, gives expression to some rational idea about a national question, the man off here in congress knows that it comes from the grass-roots. The lobby, the big railroad lawyer and that class of people realize the power of the press, but hate it. I have heard them talk about it and shake their heads and say, 'Too much power there.' The press is more powerful than money." This was not said in flattery, but because he had seen on congressmen's desks the heaps of country



## THE NEW SPRING GOODS ARE ARRIVING DAILY.

It's time now to take thought for spring needs. Time to acquaint yourself with the new styles, the new fabrics and designs. Our assortments are now in readiness to enlighten you on the various points. It's a showing that surpasses anything we have ever attempted in the way of quantities, qualities, varieties—and economies. We want you to find it a satisfactory showing, and have done everything in our power to make it such. We've labored long and untiring for this result, and now ask you to come and give your criticism and judgment. It's a showing worth a special visit—so come expecting to find a most liberal display. Would it be convenient to come to-morrow?

### HOW TO CHOOSE GOOD GLOVES.

How many times have you purchased a new pair of Gloves—only to find a week later that your investment was disappointing. The glove problem is a puzzling one—and can best be solved in one way. Here's our advice. Buy of a store you can trust! We place our glove buying in the hands of an expert—we reduce the liability of glove "disappointment" to minimum, by satisfying ourselves before we try to satisfy you.

### BARGAINS IN GOOD MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

Muslin Underwear is never cheap at any price if the garments are skimed or poorly made, therefore the muslinwear values we offer are extraordinary values in every sense of the word for the quality, sizes, finish and trimming in perfect. Come examine and compare, you won't buy unless the goods back up every statement made here. We believe a host of our friends will

buy liberally of this offering—for we never gave quite such values, and we are positive no other store in town has anything approaching them. Price 19c up.

### SOME STOCKING TALK.

Not only for women—but boys and little girls. Not "shelf worn" Hosiery, either—that's the most dangerous kind of hosiery you can buy—or a store can sell. "Why isn't it shelf worn?" Just because we don't buy in the old-fashioned way—enough for a stateful of people all at once.

Our comes as we need it—it's all contracted for at once, so that we get the finest qualities for the lowest prices.

### Just The Dress Goods and Silks Women Are Looking for

And when you come and find some charming fabrics that you want, price them, you'll not find prices prohibitory. Bless you you—No!

Even though you find no dress fabrics elsewhere more worthy, more fashionably correct, more expressive of the seasons every delineation of weave, coloring and pattern, our prices are the lowest you will encounter. A few wearisome shopping tours will prove it.

### THE FIRST OF THE WHITE FABRICS.

Fashions in fabrics may come and go but white is always in style. This season bids fair to again see the Summer Girl wearing white more frequently than ever.

We have prepared liberally. As this business grows, so each department grows and the white fabrics bought for this season and first shown, are the best from a quality and style standpoint that we have ever offered you.

### ADVANCED SHOWING OF NEW SPRING WASH GOODS.

This season we have gone away beyond our showing of

Wash Fabrics of a year ago—and that's saying a great deal. But we go upon the principle that a thing is never so well done that it cannot be improved upon. The result shows that our efforts have been unusually successful. Here you'll find an assortment of fascinating materials that is almost bewildering in its beauty and comprehensiveness.

### NEW AND PROPER BELTS.

A pretty belt—correctly shaped and well adjusted adds charm to the general appearance of a handsomely gowned woman. While it is only a small part of her toilette, nevertheless it plays a very important part. A belt-ill-shaped and carelessly worn may mar the pleasing expression and a stylish well made belt gives the finishing touch to a pretty toilette. We have a large collection of belts, the newest, "just the correct things to wear" now. Come and inspect them, they are worth much more than the prices at which we sell them.

## Walker-McKibben Merc. Co.

NEW SPRING JACKETS

EGGS TAKEN SAME AS CASH.

NEW READY MADE SKIRTS

weeklies, and he knew how closely they were read. The smallest editorial paragraph tells the politician of the condition in that paper's community, for he knows that it is put there, because the editor has gathered the idea from some one whom he trusts as leader—and the politician knows approximately who that leader is. So the country editor often exerts a power of which he knows little.—Atlantic Monthly.

### Kills Laborer Who Teased.

Joplin, Mo.—Incensed at being teased, John Mitchell, known locally as "Sure John," believed mentally unbalanced, shot and instantly killed Weaver Vellele, a laborer, in a saloon in East Joplin at 8 o'clock last Friday night. Mitchell had been the butt for the jokes of his companions of the night before and renewal tonight of the joking resulted in the killing. Mitchell is held at police station.

### Goes to the Road Fund.

Jefferson City.—The much mooted question as to the disposition to be made of the \$475,198.13, received from the national government, reimbursing the state for a war debt, has been determined. It has been awarded to the good roads fund, to be equally distributed among the counties in the state and the city of St. Louis. This gives each of them \$4,132.15.

### Will Appropriate \$2,000.

In the legislature the appropriations committee decided to recommend that an appropriation of \$2,000 to each of the families of the three guards of the penitentiary who have been killed while on duty during the last two years. The guards

were: John Clay of Callaway county and E. B. Allison of Henry county, killed in the mutiny of Nov. 24th, 1905, and James W. Woods killed by a crazy convict a few months ago.

### Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.  
County of Bates, ss.  
In the Circuit Court, In Vacation March 13, 1907.  
Georgia B. Scott, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
James R. Scott, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorney, W. O. Jackson, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant, James R. Scott, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri.  
Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the defendant on the grounds that the defendant was an able-bodied man and failed and refused to support this plaintiff during their married life. That defendant required plaintiff to work at manual labor to support herself and child when she was not physically able to do so, and that unless the said Clarence E. Warner be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Butler, in said county, on the first Monday in May, 1907, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.  
And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES, a newspaper published in said county of Bates for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next May term of this court.  
T. D. EMBREE,  
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record. Witness my (SEAL) hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of Bates county, this 12th day of March, 1907.  
T. D. EMBREE,  
Circuit Clerk.

### Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.  
County of Bates, ss.  
In the Circuit Court, In Vacation March 6, 1907.  
Lydia Warner, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Clarence E. Warner, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Silvers & Silvers, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant, Clarence E. Warner, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri.  
Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in

vacation, that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the defendant on the grounds that the defendant was guilty of such indignities toward her as to render her condition intolerable, that the defendant was an able-bodied man and failed and refused to support this plaintiff during their married life. That defendant required plaintiff to work at manual labor to support herself and child when she was not physically able to do so, and that unless the said Clarence E. Warner be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Butler, in said county, on the first Monday in May, 1907, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.  
And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES, a newspaper published in said county of Bates for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next May term of this court.  
T. D. EMBREE,  
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record. Witness my (SEAL) hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of Bates county, this 5th day of March, 1907.  
T. D. EMBREE,  
Circuit Clerk.

### Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.  
County of Bates, ss.  
In the Circuit Court February term, 1907.  
March 4th.  
Belle Burris, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Marion Burris, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorney, W. B. Dawson, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant is a non-resident of the State of Missouri and has concealed himself so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.  
Whereupon, it is ordered by the court that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from him, the said defendant, on the grounds of desertion for a period of more than one year, and on the further ground of non-support during all the time the plaintiff and defendant lived together as man and wife and that unless the said Marion Burris be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Butler, in said county on the first Monday in May, 1907, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.  
And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES, a newspaper published in said county of Bates for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next May term of this court.  
T. D. EMBREE,  
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record. Witness my (SEAL) hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of Bates county, this 5th day of March, 1907.  
T. D. EMBREE,  
Circuit Clerk.

## OLD GLORY

At last—we have had a hard time but finally came out all O. K., our car of Flour and Feed has just arrived. We have the best Shorts in town and you know what OLD GLORY is.

## Old Glory Still Sells at \$1.00.

Garden Seed—any kind in any quantity in bulk or package. Come around and see our assortment.

If nothing happens you will find us one door south of our present stand next Monday, where we will be able to accommodate any size crowd.

Come and see us. Yours for business.

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